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SENATOR MARSH: ..and then have it in order in case this body does decide to pass this or any "A" bills.

SENATOR STAHMER: I'd only like to point out. I was on this Interim Study Committee with Senator Whitney and Nore, neither one of whom, incidentally, are here today, and I think we all see the needs here and we give Senator Carpenter a compliment. He did take a hand at trying to get this 311 across the Board. It in itself was needed to meet some guidelines having to do with whether Federal funds would or would not be considered when the formulas were passed and we definitely needed it and he took a leadership in here in getting this passed, but I am only reflecting now that, in addition, he tried to, way back when, draft an "A" bill that will get more money for these regions and again he could be complimented for this, but it just is unfortunate that the "A" bill, I think, itself would not be proper and legal and I am backing what he is trying to do but I am just trying to put it in legal form.

PRESIDENT: Are you all through discussing the motion? Senator Marvel, did you wish to be heard on this motion? All right. The question is shall 311A, then, be returned from Final Reading to Select File for a specific amendment as outlined by Senator Stahmer. All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote no. Voting on the motion to return LB 311A from Final Reading to Select File for a specific amendment. Have you all voted? The clerk will record. Thank you.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays, to return.

PRESIDENT: OK. The bill is returned. We will take it up when we get on Select File after while, Senator Stahmer. Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, I, again, renew my motion to read 445 and 445A.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lewis' motion is to read 445 and 445A. Are you ready for the question. Senator Marvel.

SENATOR MARVEL: At the risk of getting criticized by Senator Lewis and others, I am going to make a statement. Then, I'd like to ask Senator Lewis a question because I think he owes it to this legislative body to indicate why we should consider 445A and not the other A bills. But first I'd like to make a statement and then I'd like to ask him a question.

PRESIDENT: Go ahead, Senator Marvel.

SENATOR MARVEL: We have six budget bills on General File. We're in the process of trying to get some information to you before we consider them so I hope we can consider them either late this afternoon or first thing tomorrow. At the end of the time that we consider those five...up on the Board, there, 579, 581, 583, 256, is the capital construction bill, 505, 582, you as individual legislators will have some idea, if you want to keep a running total, as to how much money we're spending. Then it would appear, now somebody may have a better idea, but I'll throw this out. After we consider those bills and I have no pride of authorship in them, do what you want to with them. After we consider those bills, then it looks like in fairness to everybody that has an "A" bill up there, we ought to go back and consider, figure out what we're going to do about the "A" bills. Now if we vote this morning and I am on a spot on 445 like most of you are if we consider the "A" bill this morning, I can't see that this is any fairer than the going back and considering 311A, for instance. Where is the priority? Now with that in mind, I would like to ask Senator Lewis why he thinks we should consider 445A over and above the other "A" bills before we go back to the budget bills in fairness to this legislature.